

You're receiving this newsletter because you have signed up for Commuter Challenge.  
If you are no longer interested, unsubscribe [here](#). Having trouble reading this email? [View it in your browser](#).

MAY 2011

[Forward to a friend](#)

[Tweet](#)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Click here to learn more about these travel options:

- [Bicycling](#)
- [Riding the bus](#)
- [Light Rail](#)
- [Northstar](#)
- [Carpooling/vanpooling](#)
- [Telework](#)
- [Walking](#)

## EXTEND YOUR CHALLENGE

[Log in here](#) to track your trips.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST \$50 GIFT CARD WINNERS!

A winner is chosen every week – track your trips to be automatically entered to win.

**April 4 – 10**  
Marina Hammond  
Minneapolis

**April 11 – 17**  
Stacy Blackford  
Maple Grove

**April 18 – 24**  
Derek Ellis  
Minneapolis

**April 25 – May 1**  
Joel Bohnenstingl  
Elk River

**May 2 – 8**  
Katie Launderville  
St. Paul

## ARCHIVES

Past issues of



## Bike Walk Week 2011 June 4 – 12

Bike Walk Week 2011 features a full calendar of events across the Twin Cities to encourage bicycling and walking trips. If you haven't already done so, sign up to participate in Bike Walk Week (and be automatically entered to win great prizes) when you take the [Commuter Challenge](#).

Even if you don't typically take walking and bicycling trips, it's easy to add them during Bike Walk Week. Get off the bus a few blocks early and walk the extra distance. Bring your bike [on the train](#). Or ride your bicycle to a Park & Ride and carpool or vanpool from there. There are dozens of ways to incorporate more biking or walking into your trips. Participating in the events during Bike Walk Week is a great way to get started. Major events are listed below, but there are many other events and celebration locations for **Bike Walk to Work Day on Thursday, June 9** - see a [full list](#).

**Saturday, June 4**  
Start! Heart Walk  
American Heart Association  
Target Field, Minneapolis  
[Twincitiesheartwalk.org](http://Twincitiesheartwalk.org)

**Sunday, June 5**  
Grand Old Day  
Grand Avenue, St. Paul  
[Grandave.com/grandoldday](http://Grandave.com/grandoldday)

**Wednesday, June 8**  
Women's Wednesday  
Various locations

**Thursday, June 9**  
Bike Walk to Work Day  
Various locations



eNewsletters can be found [here](#).

FOLLOW US ON 

### Sunday, June 12

Minneapolis Open Streets Celebration  
South Lyndale Avenue, Minneapolis  
[Learn more](#)

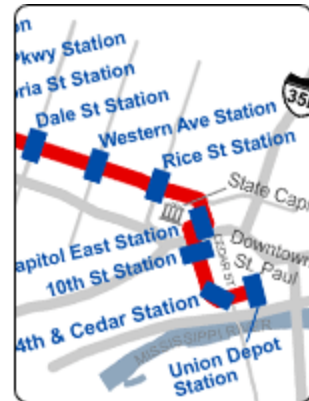
### Sunday, June 12

Bike Walk to the Ballgame!  
Target Field, Minneapolis  
[Learn more](#)

---

## Light rail between Minneapolis and St. Paul is coming!

Construction has begun on the [new light-rail line](#) that will link downtown Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota and downtown St. Paul. The 11-mile line will begin service in 2014 and is [projected](#) to carry more than 40,000 customers each weekday by 2030. Watch simulations of the train as it travels the line [here](#).



Be aware that there are significant construction detours on existing bus routes – particularly on the University of Minnesota campus and in downtown St. Paul at this time.

Stay current on detours and information at [metrotransit.org/construction](http://metrotransit.org/construction).

---

## Neighborhood group promotes transit in its own backyard

Linden Hills Power and Light (LHP&L) has teamed up with Metro Transit to promote transit use in the Minneapolis neighborhood. Last week, \$10 Go-To Cards were mailed to residents who can use or register the cards between before June 30. LHP&L also is distributing Go-To Cards at events – including a [performance](#) of the one-act bus-related play “21A” by its author, playwright Kevin Kling, on May 26. LHP&L has also added a special section about riding the bus to its [web site](#). The effort focuses on [Route 6](#) and the destinations it serves and is funded primarily by Climate Change Initiative Grant from the City of Minneapolis.

Interested in exploring opportunities for your neighborhood? [Learn more here](#).

---

## Business magazine praises transit loyalty program



Metro Transit's Ride to Rewards loyalty program was featured in the May edition of Fast Company as one of 51 bold ideas that are helping to build the cities of America's future. The magazine chose one program from each of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia in an article called "United States of Innovation." Fast Company focuses on innovation in technology, ethical economics, leadership and design.

Sign up for Ride to Rewards [here](#).



Questions? Comments? [Contact us](#).

©2011 Metro Transit A service of the Metropolitan Council